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## Get Caught Reading Month

There is no better challenge than Get Caught Reading Month in May. All month long, wherever you go, the campaign challenges every one of all ages to get caught reading! Here are some great tips to be prepared to read all month long.

- Tuck magazines into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.
- Place books for all ages in the car. Everyone will have something to read. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.
- Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.
- Charge up the digital reader's battery and load it up. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost.
- Get caught reading to children. Find a snug spot and create a routine that carries on throughout the year.
- Include a book in every room in the house.
- Encourage reading during stressful times as a way to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.
- Read outdoors in a park after a walk.

## Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026  
at the Clubhouse

## Happy Spring!

This month's updates will be short and sweet. We have been very busy these last two months and as we enter the swim season, there will be more to come...

We have completed our partnership with Keesen Landscaping to complete the renovation of the clubhouse facia. As the plants fill in, we are excited to progress the same look to the south end of the property. We will remove those Juniper bushes and replace the landscaping in the same style, to retain continuity. We will also retain the same style to the Fremont St entrance and those monuments. We replaced the traditional sprinklers with drip systems to allow for compliance with the new Denver Water regulations and will conform to the draught requirements for 2026-27 seasons.



New poolside furniture has been purchased and will be delivered and replace the old furniture. We are also researching a permanent pod to be placed in the S.E corner of the pool parking lot. It will be approximately 20 ft long and we will work with residents and the Wave to see about decorating ideas to resemble Woodbourne.

The pool will be opening in May and with the work we completed the last two years, don't expect any issues that would prevent on-time service. We have retained Aspen Aquatics for the 2026 swim season and are looking forward to another season of terrific experience. Jenn Thomas, the owner of Aspen has asked for anyone interested in working at the pool contact her. If your teenager is CPR certified and a skilled

swimmer and interested, please reach out to Jenn @ [jenn@aspenaquaticsco.com](mailto:jenn@aspenaquaticsco.com).

The Board really appreciates the resident participation and feedback at our Annual Homeowner's meeting. We received an abundance of proxy's and attendance at the Chatfield library. We are down to 3 members and would welcome resident participation to add to the group. There are monthly time requirements outside of the monthly meeting to ensure contracts are managed, projects are tracked and completed with board participation. The more members comprise the Board, the better we can plan, complete and manage Woodbourne resident responsibilities. Please reach out to any current board member if you are interested or have questions.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming social resident opportunities, as we look to Summer.

## How To Observe Mother's Day

Pay tribute to your mother this holiday. Surround her with the love she deserves and shower her with the affection and attention you know she wants. For those of us whose moms are no longer with us, spend some time remembering the woman you miss. Visit with those who remember her and honor her memory. If you're a mom, revel in the attention. You deserve it!

## Yoga With A Ranger

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Lookout Mountain Nature Center,  
910 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401

Cost: Free – Registration Required on the  
Jefferson County Civic Rec Sign Up

Find peace and stillness this season with a gentle indoor yoga session held in the Nature Center's exhibit area. Surrounded by natural elements and educational displays, this practice blends mindful movement, breathwork, and mindfulness to help you stay grounded during the colder months. Connect with yourself and the rhythms of the season in a calm, supportive environment. All experience levels are welcome. Please bring water and a yoga mat.

## Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Here are some ongoing projects that you can join.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Every Thursday preparing and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – April 27 Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday (Each member drives about once a month)
- Blood Drive – coming up in June
- Working with Schools – every week (Library and tutoring)
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.
- Colfax Marathon - May 11 Setting up a water station for runners

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer-led organization of 70 members dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through more than fifty active projects and support for over twenty community organizations each year. All are welcome—no membership required to participate. Join us for service, friendship, and fun as we make a positive impact together.

For information check our web site [columbinekiwanis.org](http://columbinekiwanis.org) or email ken at [kensweet@gmail.com](mailto:kensweet@gmail.com).

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## Clubhouse Reservations

The Woodbourne clubhouse is available until 10:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations can be made through the community homeowner portal. First, navigate to [portal.accuinc.com](http://portal.accuinc.com) and login in with your email address and password. Next, click on the "Calendar & Events" tab located on the left hand side. Then click on the "Amenity Calendars" link under the "Calendars & Events" header. Click on the "New Reservation Request" tab and click on the "Timeline" tab at the top of the calendar. This will take you to the page where you will enter all of the information that is required to make a reservation. If you also want to reserve the pool, please contact the pool management company as well.

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Thursday–Sunday, May 28-31, 2026

Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St, Denver, 80202

Cost: Tickets vary depending on the number of days you’re attending

Website: fanexpohq.com/fanexpodenver

Each summer in the Mile High City, FAN EXPO Denver comes to town, bringing fans of all kinds to the Colorado Convention Center. Celebrating comics, sci-fi, horror, anime, cosplay, and gaming, it’s a great place to spot celebrities; past attendees have included George Takei, Jason Momoa, Millie Bobby Brown, and William Shatner.

This year, FAN EXPO Denver will be held from Thursday to Sunday, May 28th to 31st, 2026, and will feature stars from Stranger Things, The Addams Family, The Office, and more. During this three-day, jam-packed expo, you can expect family-friendly attractions like a costume contest, face painting, and a cosplay catwalk.

Split into sections, Author Alley provides visitors with a chance to meet and get an autograph from their favorite authors; meanwhile, at Celebrity Summit, you can get a photograph or an autograph from your favorite actors. Moreover, Artist Alley is where you can check out comics, unique art, and graphic novels from up-and-comers within the industry. FAN EXPO Denver is the perfect place to dress up as a character from your favorite movie, shop for unique merch from your favorite media, attend special seminars and workshops, and watch dueling artists sketch competitively.

# Spring Migration For Birds Is March 1st Through June 15th

*“The vast majority (80%) of birds in North America migrate at night, making it imperative to limit artificial light pollution for the conservation of migratory birds.” Dr. Kyle Horton, Colorado State University*

The Lights out Colorado, a program supported by Dark Sky Colorado and the Denver Audubon, is in effect to help protect the 3.5 and 4.0 billion birds that migrate thousands of miles navigating the night sky. Coloradans are asked to do two simple actions such as 1) shielding outdoor lights to prevent light from being emitted upwards and 2) turning off lights as early as possible during the spring and fall migration seasons.

DarkSky International suggests five lighting principles to consider: Use light only where it is needed with a clear purpose, shield light so that it is targeted where appropriate (and not just shining into the sky), use the lowest level of light required, use timers or motion detectors, and use warmer colored lights (like amber or red).

Spring and fall are some of the biggest migratory times for birds. Millions of birds cross our Colorado skies each night during these seasons. Spring migration usually runs from about March 1 through June 15 with peak migration hitting Colorado around the first week in May. The Front Range is along the central flyway for many migrating birds, and at the peak, there can sometimes be billions of birds in one night crossing our state. Compare that to the fact that only about six million people live in Colorado. Fall migration lasts from roughly August 15 through November 30. Thanks for helping our migrating birds!



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Fire season is upon us. With severely dry and windy conditions, all of Colorado is in danger of fire. Here is a list of ways to prepare, ways to prevent, and what to do in case fire threatens our community.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

#### If you have 10 minutes:

- Evacuate people, children, pets: Have a pet carrier and leash/halter for each furry friend
- Essential documents: passports, visas, wills/trusts/POAs, insurance cards, birth certificates, medical records, password list: in waterproof bags. Consider making copies of these now.
- Cell phones, chargers, laptops, fresh batteries
- Prescription medications and list of medications
- Purses, wallets, credit cards, cash
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contacts, contact solution, hearing aids
- Pet food, people food/snacks\*
- Water bottles/water\*
- Keys to house, cars, garage
- Precious jewelry
- First aid kit\*
- Whistle\*
- Necessary assistive devices (wheelchair, walker)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

#### If you have 30 minutes more:

- OTC medications and vitamin supplements
- Memories: photos, scrapbooks

- Electronics that will fit in the vehicle
- Clothing for 2-3 days: include hats/visors, jackets, gloves, sturdy shoes
- Non-precious jewelry, watches
- Art
- Calendar/daytimer
- Self-care items: lotion, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine and incontinence products
- Flashlight/working batteries
- A cooler with ice
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Cat litter/box, pee pads
- Tool kit
- Towels

\* Having a ready-to-go box or bag with non-perishable snacks, water, a whistle, and a first aid kit saves time and can be used for emergencies and travel.

#### WHEN THERE IS FIRE DANGER:


- Make sure your vehicles are gassed up and backed into the driveway whenever possible.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Have a contact list of family, friends, neighbors.
- Know if there are nearby neighbors who are disabled or may otherwise need your help to evacuate safely; have their phone number.
- Have a fire extinguisher and fire blankets in the vehicle if possible.


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## Fire Season, *continued from page 4*

### BEFORE DIRECT FIRE DANGER:

- Remove leaves, branches, clutter, other kindling from at least five feet around your home, garage, deck, and out-buildings. Firewood should be no closer than 30 feet from buildings.
- Trim tree branches that hang above buildings. Keep at least five feet from sides and roof; branches should be no closer than ten feet from chimneys.
- Remove flammable items along fences. Rake leaves, remove branches, clutter. Wood fences are conduits for fire.
- Make certain your house number can be seen from the street.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and fire blankets.
- Speak to your neighbors if their yard is unsafe.
- Build a list of contacts and locations to meet up. This may include home, school, and work numbers.

## Wildflowers Of Deer Creek Canyon Park

Thurs., May 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Deer Creek Canyon, 13388 Grizzly Road, Littleton  
 Cost: Free- Registration Required on the Jefferson County Civic Rec Sign Up

In person at Deer Creek Canyon main trailhead. Join us as we explore a hiker-only trail where we'll be looking for as many flowering species as we can find.

## Denver Arts Festival

Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24, 2026  
 Conservatory Green, Central Park, 8304 E. 49th Pl. Denver  
 Cost: Free; Website: [denverartsfestival.com](http://denverartsfestival.com)

Be ready for a festival that celebrates the arts and aims to promote some of Colorado's fine artists. The Denver Arts Festival will be celebrating its 27th year and is inviting everyone to come to join the festivities.

The annual arts festival will be held at the Conservatory Green in Central Park from Saturday to Sunday, May 23rd to 24th, 2026. Denver Arts Festival expects around 50,000 people in attendance, so if you love art, be sure not to miss this.

This premier event will showcase fine arts and fine crafts from Colorado and national artists. Apart from the exhibition, there will also be music and art activities for the kids to enjoy.

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## Brighten Your Home For Spring

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- 1. Swap Heavy Drapes for Sheer Curtains:** Replace thick, dark window treatments with sheer or light-filtering curtains to maximize natural sunlight and create an airy atmosphere.
- 2. Swap Dark Textures for Light Fabrics:** Trade velvet cushions or heavy throws for linen, cotton, or lighter tones to bring warmth without heaviness, instantly elevating the room's aesthetic.
- 3. Swap Dark Decor for Mirrors:** Replace small artwork or dark decor pieces with mirrors placed opposite windows to reflect light and create the illusion of a larger, brighter space.
- 4. Swap Dry Decor for Greenery/Flowers:** Bring in fresh-cut flowers or leafy green plants to add natural movement, color, and a spa-like freshness to tables and shelves.
- 5. Swap Harsh Lights for Warm Bulbs:** Switch out bright white bulbs for warm white bulbs to create a softer, more inviting, and cozy ambiance. These small changes, often recommended for spring or summer refreshes, can significantly boost your mood and the feel of any room.

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*May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities. – Unknown*

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## 10 Things Homeowners Should Do Before Summer

Few things are as American as home ownership! Although being a homeowner is the classic American dream, it is actually a big responsibility. Not only is it a large investment, there is the ongoing issue of upkeep and maintenance. This isn't easy to do because every season, every climate and home comes with unique challenges. You have to understand those challenges in order to protect your home and keep it in great shape for years to come. With summer right around the corner, there are some things you'll want to add to your weekend to-do list.

1. Check the gutters, even if you cleaned them before spring. This is the easiest way to make sure that summer showers don't lead to foundation damage. Gutters should be clean of debris, well connected and the downspouts need to usher water away from your foundation.
2. Before it gets too warm outside, inspect your home's crawl spaces. You are looking for moisture first, because even a little moisture can lead to mold and rot. You should also take a note of the temperature in these areas to make sure your insulation is doing its job.
3. Schedule a summer HVAC check up. This will let you beat the summer rush and catch small issues before they lead to expensive repairs and downtime during the hotter months of the year.
4. Inspect your home's irrigation system. This includes examining the lines and nozzles for leaks and clogs. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are also working properly.
5. Get your yard gear out of storage and check everything out. This includes checking your mower, trimmer and hoses along with anything you rely on for maintenance. Doing things like checking the oil, starting up everything and making sure hoses haven't developed holes over the winter can save you a lot of frustration!
6. Schedule pest control! Bugs might be few and far between in the winter but spring and summer is a different story. Schedule pest control now to prevent being overrun by creepy crawlers.
7. If winter and spring storms have damaged your trees and shrubs, now is the time to take care of it. Remove dead or unhealthy branches, or call in a professional for help. Luckily, it's a great time to plant if you're wanting to replace dead shrubs or bushes.
8. Changing temperatures and moisture can cause big problems for your driveway, sidewalk and foundation. Walk around and examine everything, paying close attention to cracks. If you notice anything new, call a professional to fix it before it grows into a larger, more expensive problem.
9. Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as your fire extinguishers. If you don't have any, make this a priority!
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